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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

RUMNEY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono today **announced** that Gary Glover, age 47, of 502 School Street, Rumney, New Hampshire appeared in Federal District Court and pleaded guilty to federal firearms charges, admitting that he purchased a firearm at the Newfound Sales and Trading Post in Meredith, New Hampshire. for a Providence R.I. man, Brian Bataitis, a previously convicted felon. Because Bataitis is a previously convicted felon, and an out of state resident, he arranged for Glover to act as a “straw buyer.” Straw buying is an illegal practice in which an individual poses as the buyer of a gun that is actually intended for another person.

On August 17, 2000, Glover purchased the .45 caliber pistol, which he then transferred to Bataitis. Glover was arrested without incident at his residence on February 7, 2003. The indictment against Glover, part of the Department of Justice’s “Project Safe Neighborhoods” (PSN) initiative, alleges that between June 2000, and March 2001, Glover made false statements in connection with the purchase of firearms and illegally transferred those firearms in interstate commerce.

Sentencing in this matter is scheduled for August 28, 2003.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono said, “This case represents an important step in the fight against illegal firearms trafficking. These types of cases are a PSN priority for both the Justice Department and this district.”

This arrest resulted from an investigation conducted by the agents of the U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Rhode Island and New Hampshire. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.